2.18 TAMIL NADU 1979-80 was

2.18.1 Administration : There ~~is~~ no administrative change during the year under report.

The following proposals have been submitted to the State Government for the development of Archives : (i) new pattern of staff for publication cell, (ii) appointment of 27 Archivists and 3 Readers, (iii) purchase of microfiche unit, (iv) reconstitution of the Tamil Nadu Council of Historical Research and revision of fellowship, (v) resolution to declare the department of Archives as technical department, (vi) construction of a building for additional accommodation for housing more records, (vii) creation of Regional Repositories, (viii) appointment of special staff for mending library books and (ix) purchase of a duplicating machine.

2.18.2 Budget : During 1979-80 a sum of Rs.16.63 lakhs was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.18.53 lakhs on the non-plan side and Rs.1.95 lakhs against the budget provision of Rs.1.94 lakhs on the plan side. A budget provision of Rs.20.27 lakhs was made on the non-plan side and 2.10 lakhs on the plan side for 1980-81.

2.18.3 Record Management : The Director, Tamil Nadu Archives delivered a talk on the Record Management in the Regional Training Institute of the Office of the Accountant-General on 7th November, 1979.

2.18.4 Research and Reference : 350 scholars have availed themselves of the research facilities and 22,202 records were requisitioned by them during the period under report. Besides 20,126 records were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 762 queries from private agencies and individuals were attended to.

2.18.5 Publication Programme : The draft volumes of the selected documents on the subjects (i) The Tinnevelly Riots Conspiracy and Ashe Murder and (ii) Madras State Discharged Prisoners Aid Society have been cyclostyled. The Seclected Document on "Medium of Instructions on Education" was compiled and sent for printing for being released during the Archives Week and Tri-centenary Celebration of the Fort St.George during the month of July, 1980. Besides the Selected Documents on the (i) Neill Statue Satyagraha, (ii) The Bar Council of India and (iii) The History of Tamil Literature were compiled and submitted for approval.

Materials were collected for the preparation of the selected documents on (i) Choulty Court, (ii) Mayor's Court and (iii) Madras Mint.

2.18.6 Preservation of Records : 7,992 sheets were flattened, 1,63,493 sheets repaired with tissue paper, acetate foil, and chiffon, 14,157 sheets guarded and 2,388 volumes and books bound. In addition 27,385 volumes were fumigated and 21,000 books deacidified.

2.18.7 Library : 726 books were acquired during the period under report.

2.18.8 Other Activities : A photo copying machine (Korestat Copier A-3 Jumbo) has been installed.